

of us who knew or corresponded with him felt ourselves fortunate to add his volumes, which are often carefully annotated and which bear his attractive bookplate, to our own collections.

However, a number of the most valuable books were sold to institutional libraries, and Michigan State University (East Lansing), which has in its Library an extensive collection of historic entomological literature, was one of the more extensive purchasers. Many scholars will be interested to know that 20 volumes (1921-1958) of Captain Hemming's diaries were acquired by Michigan State. These are excellent research sources, coming from the hand of a literate and observant naturalist. They record his collecting trips in Europe and the Near East, and contain accounts of entomological and other observations, lists of species seen and collected in various localities, as well as drawings and other data. — Dr. R. S. WILKINSON, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540; American Museum of Natural History, New York City, New York 10024.

SOME UNUSUAL MOTHS IN SUFFOLK IN 1976. — In a year remarkable for the immigration of many moths and butterflies from the Continent, the following species seen on the Suffolk coast may be of interest. On 6th July I found a specimen of the Pygmy Footman (*Eilema pygmaeola* Doubl.) in my moth trap in the garden. Another was reported by Mr. Jeremy Sorensen, the warden of the R.S.P.B. Reserve at Minsmere. The nearest known colony of this species is on the Norfolk coast, north of Great Yarmouth. Also in July two examples of the White-bordered Crest (*Dichomeris marginellus* Fabr.) were attracted to my m.v. light. Another was found in Ipswich by Mr. Arthur Watchman. As far I am aware these are the first Suffolk records of this tineid moth which is associated with juniper.

Between 26th August and 10th October, 15 specimens of the Convolvulus Hawkmoth (*Agrius convolvuli* L.) were attracted to my moth trap, and as I was away for 10 days during this period the number in the district may have been much larger. On 7th October, a Scarce Bordered Straw (*Helicoverpa armigera* Hübn.) came to my m.v. light. Several Humming-bird Hawkmoths (*Macroglossum stellatarum* L.) were also seen in local gardens during the same period. — H. E. CHIPPERFIELD, Walberswick, Suffolk.

A RARE VARIETY OF THE ALDER KITTEN MOTH (*HARPYIA BICUSPIS* BORKHAUSEN). — On the 24th July, 1976, a very odd "kitten" turned up in the m.v. trap here. The black median bar was reduced to a semi-circle on the inner margin. I took the specimen to the Brit. Mus. (N.H.) where Mr. D. J. Carter and his colleagues kindly identified it as *H. bicuspis* ab. *reducta* Lempke. As far as is known, this is the first time this variety has been found in Britain. — H. C. J. GODFREY, Pinehurst West, Swiffe Lane, Broadoak, Heathfield, Sussex.